



Discount drug cards: Savings for seniors

A message from

Representative Bob Bischoff

MILLIONS OF AMERICAN SENIORS have incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid, yet struggle to pay for essential medications that Medicare does not fund. Several pharmaceutical companies have developed discount cards for qualifying seniors. Details about some of the cards are given below. Please contact the companies listed for more information.

GlaxoSmithKline Orange Card



- Eligibility: Medicare recipients earning less than \$30,000 per person or \$40,000 per couple; no existing prescription drug coverage.
- Benefits: Average savings of 30 percent on all GlaxoSmithKline drugs.
- Key drugs covered: Avandia (diabetes); Advair, Flovent and Serevent (respiratory illnesses).
- To apply: Call 1-888-672-6436.

Eli Lilly and Co. LillyAnswers Card



- Eligibility: Medicare recipients earning less than \$18,000 per person or \$24,000 per couple; no existing prescription drug coverage.
- Benefits: \$12 fee for a one-month supply of a Lilly retail drug.
- Key drugs covered: Evista (osteoporosis); Humulin and Humalog (diabetes); Prozac (depression); Zyprexa (schizophrenia).
- To apply: Call 1-877-795-4559 or visit www.lillyanswers.com.

The Merck Patient Assistance Program

The Merck Patient Assistance Program provides Merck medicines free of charge to individuals with no prescription drug coverage and an income below \$18,000 or below \$24,000 for a household. The recipient must have exhausted other options, including HMOs, Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans' assistance, etc. For more information call 1-800-727-5400.

The Pharmacy Care One Card

The National Association of Chain Drug Stores is offering a free Pharmacy Care One Card, which will give low-income seniors access to various discount programs offered by pharmaceutical companies. For more information call 1-703-837-4244.

Novartis Pharmaceuticals CareCard



- Eligibility: Medicare recipients earning a particular annual income; no existing prescription drug coverage.
- Benefits: \$12.00 flat fee per prescription for individuals earning up to \$18,000 and couples earning up to \$24,000; 25 percent to 40 percent discounts on all Novartis drugs for individuals earning \$18,000 - \$28,000 or \$24,000 - \$38,000 per couple.
- Key drugs covered: Diovan, Lotensin, Lotrel (high blood pressure); Exelon (Alzheimer's); Lescol (high cholesterol); Miacalcin Nasal Spray (osteoporosis).
- To apply: Call 1-866-974-2273 or visit www.novartis.com/carecard.

Pfizer Share Card



- Eligibility: Medicare recipients earning less than \$18,000 per person or \$24,000 per couple; no existing prescription drug coverage.
- Benefits: \$15 for each 30-day supply of every medicine that is covered.
- Key drugs covered: Lipitor (cholesterol); Norvasc (high blood pressure, angina); Zyrtec (antihistamine); Aricept (Alzheimer's).
- To apply: Call 1-800-717-6005 or visit www.pfizerforliving.com.

Worried about paying for your Prescriptions?

A few words about
the HoosierRx Program from
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HOOSIERRX, the state's prescription drug plan, provides benefits to low-income seniors who have no health insurance coverage for their prescription drug expenses. So far more than 14,500 Hoosiers have been helped, but funding is available to assist many more.

HoosierRx provides a discount card saving the user up to 50 percent off the expenses incurred for prescription drugs. Depending on your income, you could receive up to \$1,000 in refunds per year. If you think you might be eligible, fill out a HoosierRx application today.

How to apply

Fill out an application to see if you are eligible for the HoosierRx program. Indiana seniors may receive an application at their local pharmacy, download one from the HoosierRx Website at www.in.gov/HoosierRx or call the program's toll-free number at 1-866-267-4679.

Your net income

is the income you receive after taxes, including income from wages; Social Security; pensions; interest from bank accounts, annuities, IRAs and CDs; and dividends.

You may be eligible for HoosierRx if you:



- 1.** Are at least 65 years old
- 2.** Are not covered under prescription drug insurance or Medicaid
- 3.** Have a monthly net income of \$967 or less if you are single, or a monthly net income of \$1,307 if you are married

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